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MORNING MEETING ACTION ITEM

TO: DD/I

DD/I reported that General Carroll is pleased with the results of the joint DIA/CIA effort to reach an agreed figure on NVA strength in South Vietnam but apparently feels that it would be desirable to reach agreement on all aspects of enemy strength figures before surfacing the accord on NVA strength. DD/I emphasized that, while the CIA methodology used in reaching the NVA figures agreement will now be used across the board, it would nonetheless be helpful to the Paris negotiators if the NVA figures could be used immediately. The Director asked the DD/I to prepare a letter to General Carroll for the Director's signature stating our view that it would be appropriate to utilize the agreed NVA strength figures posthaste.

Action 24 September - Memorandum prepared.

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